THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) No, Sir, The Pakistani nationals are not being issued any special permits to come to India. The permit system in vogue from 1948 to 1952 was replaced by the Passport and Visa system in 1952.

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise in view of the above.

Fidayeen attack on Kaluchak Camp

114. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fidayeen attack on May 14, 2002 near Jammu on the Kaluchak Camp Residential Complex of the Security Forces was not unexpected; and if so, what preventive steps had been taken to prevent such attacks; and

(b) what further steps have since been taken to prevent such attacks in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) In the prevailing security scenario in the State of J&K, suicide atttacks on security forces posts/ establishment are known facets of the *modus operandi* of terrorists. The timing and place of occurrence of such attacks cannot always be anticipated. The suicide attack at the Kaluchak Camp, Residential Complex of the security forces near Jammu on May 14, 2002 was unexpected.

Security measures have been enhanced to meet similar eventually in future.

Increased deployment of troops at border/LoC and intensive pressure on terrorists in the hinterland conjointly with the State Government has helped in containing the problem. A multi-pronged approach, has been adopted to contain cross border terrorism which includes, *inter alia*, strengthening border management to check infiltration; proactive action against terrorists within J&K; gearing up intelligence machinery; greater functional integration through an institutionalized framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ and improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces and legal action against over ground supporters of the terrorists.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored in the Unified Headquarters and in Operation groups at various levels.

Deaths in Police Custody

†115. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the deaths in Police custody have increased in the last few years;

(b) if not, the number of deaths in Police custody during April, 1999 to March, 2000, April, 2000 to March, 2001 and April, 2001 to March, 2002; and

(c) the States or Union Territories where deaths have taken place during each of the period cited above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) No, Sir. Figures of deaths in police custody reported by the State/UT Government to NHRC in the recent past are given below :—

1990-2000 — 177

2000-2001 — 127

2001-2002 — 165

It will thus be seen that though there was an increase of cases in 2001-2002 over 2000-2001, the number of cases in 2001-2002 (165) was less that what the figure was in 1999-2000 (177).

(b) and (c) A statement showing year-wise and State-wise details of custodial deaths in police custody reported by the State/UT Governments to NHRC is attached.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.